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SUBJECT: UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON
AND KATHMANDU VALLEY MASTER PLAN

REF: KATHMANDU 3360 AND 4410

1. DURING MEETING WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, M'BOW
RAISED SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE USG PARTICIPATION IN KATHMANDU
VALLEY PROJECT, NOTING THAT DEPT SHOULD BE RECEIVING REPORT
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FROM AMEMBASSY OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS HELD THERE ON PROJECT.
OTHER THAN STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR TORRES THAT NEPALI
PERMREP HAD ALSO APPROACHED HIM ON THIS ISSUE, DEPT MADE NO
RESPONSE TO M'BOW ON SUBJECT.

2. M'BOW DID NOT BRING UP THE KATHMANDU PROJECT DURING HIS
MEETINGS WITH AID OFFICIALS.

3. DURING COURTESY CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY INTERIOR, LUNCHEON AT NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR HUMANITIES, AND RECEPTION AT NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR ARTS, M'BOW MENTIONED PROJECT ONLY IN PASSING. NO REQUEST WAS MADE FOR ASSISTANCE AND NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD. THOSE TO WHOM HE MENTIONED THE PROJECT OFFERED, AT MOST, THEIR MORAL SUPPORT.

4. THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD THAT US GOVERNMENT WILL DONATE FUNDS TO OR PARTICIPATE SUBSTANTIALLY IN KATHMANDU VALLEY MASTER PLAN. NATIONAL ENDOWMENTS' INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES EXTEND ONLY TO GRANTS TO AMERICANS FOR STUDY/ RESEARCH ABROAD. SMITHSONIAN AND INTERIOR HAVE EXCESS- FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAMS, BUT THERE ARE NO SUITABLE CURRENCIES WHICH WOULD ENABLE SMITHSONIAN TO DONATE TO THE PROJECT OR INTERIOR TO PROVIDE CONSULTANTS EXCEPT ON A VERY SHORT-TERM BASIS. AID POLICY GUIDELINES ON BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND ITS FOCUS ON NEPAL'S MIDDLE REGION PRECLUDE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT. VANCE

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